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GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT.

Serial Nos. 15-16

Part B for February 19.

SUBJECT.

Resolutions of the Delhi War -
Conference

Sl 15) From

The J. A. Resident

No 6986-1-19

I do a copy of letter from the Secy. Indian
Munitions Board re: the continuance of the
office of Controller of Munitions in Mysore & the
publication of the notes furnished by the Controllers
in Native States for Industrial purposes & calls for
the views of the Durbar in the matter.

Sl 16) To, The J. A. Resident, pol No 7948/13-2-19

It also that the Durbar consider that there is no
necessity for the continuance of the Controller of
Munitions in the State.

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File No. 21

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BRIEF ABSTRACT OF LETTER.

NOTES AND ORDERS.

May this be sent to the E & A Secretariat
in the first instance, for favor of remarks
as instructed by the Chief Secretary on
the Paper under Disposal? Filed.

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2 There is nothing else
done here. The Dir ITC
has already furnished a note
(Vide the very first annexure)
If any special information is
collected hereafter it may
be furnished

Ch. Secy 23/1/19

3 No further note is due
from us

4 The only question is
whether the office of the Controller
of Imports and Exports should be continued
though it is stated in para 3 of the
letter from the Secy, Indian Mineral
Board, that "the occasion for the
appointment no longer exists", it
is pointed out in para 4 that it
would be advantageous if the various
State Authorities would keep in
touch with the Mineral Board for
industrial purposes, pending orders
of the Govt of India on the recommenda-
tions of the Industrial Commission
(Chief Secy)

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6. This is an industrial matter & a certain amount of secrecy requires to be observed at certain stages or during certain ~~periods~~ ^{periods}. Publication of any such cannot be agreed to for it would be highly inexpedient. Subject to this reservation, there can be no objection to the continuance of the office & to the transmission of notes of a general nature should any necessity on the occasion arise.

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I think the office may be ^{the} ~~abolished~~

revenue & Dept of Industries
La Direction - & the General
with all such functions

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To.

The F A Resident
 Nol 794813-2-19
 with ref to serial 15,
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 that there is no necessity for
 the continuance of the Controller of
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MYSORE RESIDENT'S OFFICE,

Bangalore, 6

No. 69

A copy of the marginally* noted letter, with enclosure, is forwarded,

C-1217
*No. dated 10th of
December 1918.

from the Secretary,
Indian Munitions Board.

to the Chief Secretary to the Government

of His Highness the Maharaja of Mysore,

with reference to his letter No. 61,

dated the 18th July 1918, for information

with the request that the Hon'ble the

Resident may kindly be favoured with the

views of the Mysore Durbar on the matter.

First Assistant Resident.

Letter No. G-1217, dated the 10th December 1918, from the Secretary, Indian Munitions Board, Delhi, to the Hon'ble the Resident in Mysore.

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Since the Government of India in the Foreign & Political Department addressed local Governments and political authorities throughout India in connection with proposals to appoint Controllers of Munitions in the principal Indian States, the following appointments of this kind have been made:-

Mr. E. W. Bryant	Controller of Munitions, Baroda.
" V. Mangaswami	" " Mysore.
" C. B. Cunningham. ..	" " Travancore
" H. R. Roe.	" " Benares.
" A. M. Stow, I.C.S.	" " Kashmir.
Supt. of the State	" " Pudukkottai
Mr. Mo. Hyath, Padshah Sahib Chatalah.	" " Sangnapalle
Divan of Sandur	" " Sandur.
Mr. G. E. C. Wakefield ..	" " Hyderabad.
Saba Asita Charan Chaudhuri ..	" " Tippera.

2. The Chief Secretary to His Highness the Nawab of Rampur, and the vice President of the Cooch Behar State Council deal with Munitions work in those States; and in the case of the Gwalior Durbar a Central Committee was constituted to deal with munitions among other matters.

3. Since, however, the appointment of State Controllers of Munitions was proposed the war position has entirely changed, and as hostilities have ceased it is unlikely that the Indian Munitions Board will have occasion to make special demands for materials for war use. The occasion for the appointments therefore no longer exists though it is unnecessary to propose that those already made should be abolished unless the Durbars themselves suggest this.

4. It would however be advantageous if the various State authorities would keep in touch with the Munitions Board for industrial purposes, pending the orders of the Government of India on the - - recommendations in the report of the Indian Industrial Commission. In this connexion it would be convenient to the Board if it could be furnished with brief reviews of local resources somewhat on the lines of the enclosed notes which have been extracted from one of the Munitions

Munitions Board's weekly reports, and the information in which has been furnished by the Controllers of Munitions in Mysore and Travancore.

5. It is desirable that any notes of this kind furnished to the Board should be in a form suitable for publication in any document dealing with the industrial resources of the country; and the Board would be glad if, in furnishing them, the Durbars would kindly give an indication whether they agree to publication in this manner.

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Appendix No. 7 to Weekly Report No.71.

NOTES ON THE INDUSTRIES AND THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE MYSORE STATE FOR MUNITIONS PURPOSES.

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(The information contained in the following note has been derived from a report furnished by the Controller of Munitions, Mysore).

DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES.- The relevant portions of the Defence of India (Consolidation) Rules, which deal with declaration of stocks, requisitioning, etc., have been introduced into the State by the Mysore Government as a Regulation (I of 1918). The Controller of Munitions, Mysore, has offered to co-operate with the Indian Munitions Board in any action which the latter proposes, or wishes, to be taken under this Regulation.

LOCAL INDUSTRIES.- There are two cotton mills in the State with a capacity of 28,480 spindles and 280 looms, two woollen mills, which are engaged in the manufacture of army blankets and yarn, and two hosiery factories (one attached to the Bangalore Woollen Mills), which are employed in the manufacture of cotton vests and socks. There are also some 20,000 handloom weavers, most of whom are engaged in the manufacture of coarse cotton cloth. The State is encouraging the manufacture of army blankets through the agency of these weavers, and it is estimated that a regular monthly supply of 4000 will now be possible. There are half a dozen dye works engaged in the indigo dyeing of yarn, and a button factory, which makes horn and bone buttons.

TANNING.- An up-to-date chrome leather tannery in the State has for some time been manufacturing roller skins. The plant is capable of an output to the value of Rs.50,000 per month, but, owing to the restrictions on shipping facilities, is not being worked to its full capacity. In addition to the chrome tannery, there are over 40 others engaged in bark tanning, the tanned hides being despatched to the Madras markets. Action has been taken under the Defence of India Act to prohibit the tanning of sheep and goat skins, and also to control

control transactions in tanning bark.

WORKSHOPS.- Besides the Government workshop, which is employed on certain urgent manufactures, there are two other workshops in Bangalore both fairly well equipped. One of these is engaged in the manufacture of swivels for the Board. A metal plant has recently been erected by Government for the manufacture of pressed brass metal ware. It might be possible to use this plant for making articles required by the army. A certain number of artisans in the moffusil can do light and heavy bell metal castings, such as buckles, brass-hooks, door-fittings, etc.

OILS AND PAINTS.- Government has established two factories for the manufacture of sandalwood oil. There are also three oil mills using the Anderson Oil Expeller, which is capable of crushing three tons of seed per day of 10 hours. These are engaged in the manufacture of groundnut oil, honge oil (*Pongamia glabera*) and sesame oil. A plant for the extraction of oil by the solvent process is in course of erection and will be ready to start work early in 1919. Ippe oil is being extracted from the fruit (*Bassia longifolia*) in large quantities. A company has been started for the manufacture of paints from mineral earth.

SOAP.- The Mysore Government has erected an experimental soap factory with an output of 10 tons a month, and is manufacturing washing soaps by the saponification process.

TIMBER AND MINERAL RESOURCES.- It is possible that, owing to lack of information regarding the timber and mineral resources of the State full advantage is not being taken of them. Two pamphlets have been prepared, which give much useful information on these subjects, viz., a "Commercial Guide to the Forest Economic Products of Mysore," and "A Guide to the Exhibits at the Mysore Dasara Industrial and Agricultural Exhibition (Department of Mines and Geology)." Prospecting work is in progress for China clay (Kaolin) and chrome ore.

MANUFACTURES.- The Controller of Munitions, Mysore, considers

it may be possible to organise in the State the manufacture of the following:-

Dungaree cloth.

Cotton socks.

Jhools, cotton and woollen, for horses, mules and bullocks.

Khaki webbing.

Lamp wicks.

Munda shoes.

Brass hooks and buckles.

Collar studs and bone buttons.

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Appendix No. 8 to Weekly Report No.71.

NOTE ON THE INDUSTRIES AND THE INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT OF THE TRAVANCORE
STATE FOR MUNITIONS PURPOSES.

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(The information contained in the following note has been derived from a report furnished by the Controller of Munitions, Travancore.)

DEFENCE OF INDIA RULES.- The Controller of Munitions, Travancore, has asked the Durbar to introduce into the State, by means of a proclamation, the substance of those Defence of India Rules, which deal with declaration of stocks, requisitioning, etc., and also the Defence of India (Tanning Materials) Rules, 1917. Rule 11 J, dealing with the maintenance and supply of commodities of general use, has already been issued in the form of a proclamation.

MANUFACTURES.- Two well-equipped engineering workshops, one belonging to the Public Works Department at Trivandrum, and the other to Harrisons and Crosfield, Ltd., Quilon, are available for munitions manufactures. Harrisons and Crosfield also have saw mills and a large carpentry workshop. There is a wooden box factory at Alleppey belonging to Darragh Smell & Co., and at Nagercoil a Government distillery, the capacity of which is considerably in excess of local requirements. The Controller of Munitions has called for detailed reports regarding the equipment and possible outturn of these institutions.

COIR MANUFACTURES.- Alleppey in Travancore is the principal centre of coir manufacture in India, and indents for mats, screens, bags, string and other munitions requirements in this material can be met to any ordinary extent. At present orders for these articles are being placed with Alleppey firms by the Controller of Munitions, Madras; in future, such indents can be sent to the Controller of Munitions, Travancore, for compliance.

TILES.- Quilon is a centre of tile manufacture, containing several firms which are engaged in the manufacture of Mangalore pattern roofing tiles and polished floor tiles. The Controller of Munitions is ~~is~~ prepared

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to receive indents for these articles.

PAPER.- The Punalur Paper Mills, Punalur, are manufacturing ~~broken~~ packing paper on a considerable scale. Information is being obtained as to other types of paper which the mills might be able to produce.

MISCELLANEOUS.- Carpentry work of all kinds can be well and cheaply executed by the smaller craftsmen of Travancore; clasp knives, scissors and palmyra fibre brushes of good quality are being locally manufactured.

PRODUCTS.- The following products are extensively available:- Coconut-oil, Coir husks, monozite, turkish bird lime, palmyra fibre, rope and mats, aloe fibre and rope, laurel oil and tapioca.

TIMBER.- Timber of all kinds is abundant. The tariff rates levied by the Durbar are the same as those prevailing before the war, and are therefore comparatively favourable. The Conservator of Forests has been asked for information regarding the stocks of seasoned timber, rosewood, teak, benteak, etc., and for quotations of the tariff rates. It is understood that other timbers available are ebony, Anjili, Thambagam, Vanga, Thambavu, white and red cedar and Ceylon oak. The Durbar will probably be prepared to arrange for the stocking of seasoned timbers with a view to possible munitions requirements.

WOODEN SHIPBUILDING.- The Controller of Munitions has addressed the Durbar with a view to the encouragement of wooden shipbuilding for the coastal and Burma trade. Orders have been passed for the free grant of Government land for building yards, and timber will be supplied by the State to shipbuilders at pre-war tariff rates, payment to be made in four instalments spread over twelve months and the State securing first charge on hulls against unpaid balances.

In order to improve the insurable value of locally built ships, it has been proposed that the Principal Port Officer, Alleppey, should be authorised to survey vessels in the course of building and grant certificates of sound construction. It is said that local enterprise in this direction is being somewhat discouraged by the difficulty in insuring

insuring the vessels.

As regards the building of vessels to carry auxiliary engines, it is said that builders are hesitating to sacrifice anything in design to provide for the carrying of such engines in the absence of any assurance that the engines will be made available. The Controller of Munitions, Travancore, understands that marine engines of the type required are not at present available in India and requires an assurance that priority for the shipment of such engines from the United Kingdom will be recommended by the Munitions Board.

It is gratifying to note that considerable local enterprise has been evinced in the matter of shipbuilding and it is anticipated that a number of keels will be laid down shortly.

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Serial No. 16

GENERAL AND REVENUE SECRETARIAT

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No. Pol. 794

Date of issue... 13th February 1919

To
Mr. F. A. Resident.

Signed by... L. S. Balasubramanian

[Signature]
Sir,

With reference to your letter no. 29 & 6th Jan 1919, I am directed to state that the Government consider that there is no necessity for the continuance of the report of the Controller of Munitions ⁱⁿ the State as the ^{situation has} war position has

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which changed and hostilities have ceased

2. The Director of Industries
(Who is the Controller of Industries at present)
Bangalore, to the Director of Industries

~~Director of Industries~~

~~Director of Industries~~

to be able to deal

with the questions relating
to industrial development and

Director's Board may

confer with the ~~Director~~ ^{all this} ~~Director~~

~~Director~~ in the matter

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Chief Secy

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List of enclosures.

1) The Secy, Dy Secy - S & A S. & A S.

2) The Director of Industries.

Comme. Secy in charge

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